WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE LOCAL SALES TAX CHANGE

Benton/Franklin County Public Transportation Benefit Area Effective October 1, 2005

Effective October 1, Benton/Franklin County Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) will increase by annexing a portion of Unincorporated Benton County (the Finley Annexation Area) into the Benton/Franklin County PTBA. The new unincorporated part of the county shown on the map will increase by an additional sixtenths of one percent (.006), and should be reported to the location code of 0333. The increase was approved by public vote during the April 2005 election.

Businesses must collect the appropriate new rate of sales tax for retail sales and services provided within the county. Persons or businesses within Benton/Franklin County will be subject to the new rate of use tax on items purchased for their personal or business use if sales tax has not been paid.

The new rates of sales tax are:

LOCATION	LOCATION CODE NUMBER	LOCAL SALES TAX RATE	STATE SALES TAX RATE	TOTAL SALES TAX RATE
Unincorporated Areas	0300	.012	.065	.077
Unincorporated P.T.B.A.	0333	.018	.065	.083
Benton City	0301	.018	.065	.083
Kennewick	0302	.018	.065	.083
Prosser	0303	.018	.065	.083
Richland	0304	.018	.065	.083
West Richland	0305	.018	.065	.083

To determine the proper rate of local sales tax you may access the Geographic Information System (GIS) located at http://dor.wa.gov. On the home page, click on the GIS icon and select <u>Sales Tax</u>.

This notice is being sent to businesses that have reported local sales or use tax to any of the above location codes within the last year.

If you have questions, or if Sales Tax Collection Schedules are needed, please go to our web site at http://dor.wa.gov or call the Department of Revenue at 1-800-647-7706.

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